

Chancellor outlines plans for liberalized social rules

by Liz Dodge

Chancellor Simpson discussed implementation of the proposed changes in social regulations and the results of his recent meeting with SA officials and the MWC Committee of the Board of Visitors last Tuesday night before a group of Senators and interested students.

At the February 11 joint meeting, the Board responded to Student Association's request for a clarification of the responsibilities and authority of the Chancellor by declaring that, although ultimately the direction of the College is the sole responsibility of the Chancellor, he may delegate as much authority to students as he wishes. The Board stipulated, however, that the Chancellor must retain a veto power in all cases. At last Tuesday's meeting Simpson told the Senators, "The Board is willing to let me go just as far as your student government and I jointly agree to go."

Although details of the implementation plan are still in the discussion stage, one major decision has been reached: possibly next year, different residence halls will have different sets of rules varying in the degree of student freedom allowed. Administrators and SA officials hope to have a definite plan developed before room registration in May so that all returning students for next fall will be able to choose the type of rules under which they wish to live. The Chancellor indicated, however, that incoming freshmen would not be given such a choice. He asked students, "If you were coming to the College for the first time, wouldn't you want the student government to give you a little more assurance and guidance than asking you whether you wanted to live in one dorm or another?"

Simpson, in supporting the concept of diversified social regulations in the dormitories, said, "Conditions in which everyone lives the same way are as unrealistic as you can get." He also expressed his concern over the freedom of the individual to live as she wishes, emphasizing that "the individual student who wants privacy will not be sacrificed."

In response to Virginia State Senator Herbert H.

Bateman's joint resolution on the preservation of moral values at state-run educational institutions (see related story, this page), the Chancellor stated, "He's not talking about us, I can say frankly he's talking about William and Mary." He suggested that recent unfavorable press coverage of colleges could have contributed to the Senate's unanimous approval of the resolution, adding, "News is news but sometimes I just wish they wouldn't deal with ALL the news." Chancellor Simpson disclosed that Bateman had contacted him about the resolution, and said, "I could not agree with him that legislators should rule on moral issues."

In an attempt to explain his concern about the attitudes of the state legislature, Simpson said, "The climate of support for higher education pretty low. All of us have to be conscious of that fact . . . and we have to be responsive to it."

In reply to a student's question concerning the intended range of diversification among dorms, the Chancellor said, "At the moment I'm really sort of flabbergasted by the whole thing. I simply know it's got to be done," and stated that he was not yet sure of what the different degrees of freedom would be. Another student asked about the discrepancies between social regulations here and at the University of Virginia. Simpson answered that "because they do some-



Chancellor Simpson talks with students during the recess of last Tuesday's Senate meeting.

thing in Charlottesville does not mean we have to do it here." He questioned the legality of the 24-hour open house policies which exist in some Virginia state schools because he had recently been advised that "that gets involved in common-law marriage."

At the regular Senate meeting following the Chancellor's address, Mimi Hearn announced that a system had been devised for self-scheduled exams which had been passed by a student-faculty committee and is presently awaiting faculty approval. Under the new system a student would arrange two weeks before the exam period to take her exam on any one of the four tracks on which a particular professor teaches. Mimi added that the committee hopes to implement this system this semester.

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Legislature moves to protect student morals

by Robin Darling

State Senator Herb Bateman of Newport News succeeded last month in having Joint Resolution Number 24 passed by both the Virginia State Senate and House of Delegates. The document aims to preserve the "moral values at State-supported institutions," and is a result of Bateman's investigation of a certain Virginia college which he declines to identify.

The resolution was prompted by a concern over "open house" policies which are in effect at that institution. Only in the past few years have Virginia college administrators eased regulations concerning open visitation; according to Bateman, alumni and parents have recently released a flurry of complaints about lax rules "at a state-supported school."

Last year at the College of William and Mary, near Bateman's home district, college officials ap-

prehended two couples in a dormitory during non-open visitation hours and suspended all four persons involved. Federal Judge John MacKenzie of Norfolk ordered the students re-enrolled because he felt William and Mary had applied the rules "arbitrarily." The college's action prompted a few hundred students to stage a sit-in at, and subsequently rifle a dean's office, and parental outcry further increased. Early this year at W&M, a housemother unlocked and entered a woman student's room at 9 a.m. without knocking and found her with her boyfriend. The woman was suspended but later was allowed to remain in school.

Senator Bateman further cited the case of a woman student (presumably of William and Mary) who made a false rape complaint, probably for the purpose of becoming eligible for an abortion under the Virginia laws. Bateman stated that the student had actually

become pregnant while having sexual relations during open house in a dormitory. The Senator also told of a housemother at the same college who had threatened to resign because she would not "be a madam in a house of ill-repute." Giving examples of moral deterioration, he distributed copies of the W&M newspaper, THE FLAT HAT, to members of the Senate Rules Committee.

At a February 15 discussion concerning the resolution, Senator Bateman announced that he had contacted the presidents of five Virginia colleges before the resolution was introduced. According to the Senator, three presidents found it an "appropriate and helpful" statement. Although he said the other two administrators did not disagree with the "spirit of the resolution," they felt that it "would not be particularly helpful to them."

Bateman acknowledged that the resolution "does not even say that a college cannot have an open house." It will, he feels, put authority over student life "where it belongs — in the hands of presidents and governing bodies."

Joint Resolution Number 24 is not a law. It does express the "paramount concern" of citizens and of the state legislature for the "nature and quality of the educational programs" of state colleges. It then lists, in eight clauses, the reasons why "the moral values of the people of Virginia" must be considered as a state institution draws up its parietal rules.

The resolution first cites the generosity of the Commonwealth in expending "millions of dollars each year for institutions of higher education all in the best interest of the Commonwealth and its citizens." The people, it reasons, will be unwilling to provide support for higher education if colleges do not "promulgate and enforce sound rules and regulations" which support Virginia's moral values.

"The well being of public morals and decency," according to the resolution, depend in part on "rules and regulations governing the conduct of students" which comply with those "moral precepts and rules of law." These values, the "moral and spiritual heritage" of Virginia, are those "from which we would depart at our peril."

Over the country, the resolution continues, colleges have instituted rules which allow women

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Virginia because of the importance of an opportunity for its citizens, and especially its young people, to obtain an education beyond the secondary school level, has established, operates institutions of higher learning and expends millions of dollars each year for institutions of higher education all in the best interest of the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

Whereas, the nature and quality of the educational programs of these State-supported institutions is of paramount concern to the people of Virginia and to the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the people will be disinclined to support higher education if State-supported institutions of higher learning do not promulgate and enforce sound rules and regulations which are consistent with the moral values of the people of Virginia; and

Whereas, it is of vital concern to the people of Virginia and to the well-being of public morals and decency that the educational programs of State-supported institutions of higher

learning be carried on in an atmosphere and under rules and regulations governing the conduct of students which are in keeping with the moral precepts and rules of law which are a part of the moral and spiritual heritage of this Commonwealth from which we would depart at our peril; and

Whereas, the administration and governing boards of a number of colleges and universities in this country have seen fit to promulgate rules, regulations and policies which create, sanction and condone co-educational dormitory units, wherein students of the opposite sex are known to frequently, if not regularly, co-habitate; and

Whereas, a number of State-supported institutions of higher education in this Commonwealth permit students of the opposite sex to visit one another in the bedrooms of college dormitories without any meaningful restrictions, regulations, supervision or control; and

Whereas, policies which permit co-mingling of unmarried men and women in dormitory bedrooms without regulation, restriction, or supervision have led to tragic occurrences

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Over the past few years the BULLET has attempted to broaden its scope through broadening the range of topics and events discussed herein. In doing so we have been influenced in part by student interest and opinion and in part by new trends which have been set in college journalism. These trends have involved a changing concept of the campus newspaper from that of a "bulletin board" to a forum for the discussion of relevant and contemporary issues.

This forum, however, is steadily becoming smaller as time goes by. It is obvious to us that student interest in the newspaper is lagging; and because interest is lagging, participation has become minimal. It is the fault of the student body that you no longer provide us with your viewpoints and opinions and do not indicate to us where your interests lie. The BULLET is also to blame in this matter, for we have failed to effectively recruit new staff from which student interests and opinions may be gleaned. The result has become a newspaper wherein the only opinion expressed is our own, and it is as boring for us to put out as it is for you to read it.

Therefore, until a sizeable staff can be built up and until we receive enough indication of interest from the student body, we are reducing the BULLET to four pages per week after next week's pre-election issue. Since this size will necessarily limit content and coverage of news, we refer you to the College Bulletin for a complete schedule of weekly events.

It is now up to you either to present your opinions or to volunteer your services to the BULLET staff. Three or four students can no longer support the entire burden of this newspaper. We don't care what you say, but please, say something.

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The BULLET will accept signed letters to the editor in support of elections candidates no later than noon Thursday, March 4. Letters should be as brief and concise as possible and should be typed, if possible.

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Most colleges and universities recognize the growing need for on-campus birth control and abortion referral services, but the UNIVERSITY OF MAINE set a precedent last December when it established an on-campus abortion loan fund, available to pregnant students of legal age. Any woman in need may apply for a loan from the service which will adequately cover her medical and travel expenses to New York City, where abortions are legal and easily obtainable.

The student senate at Maine voted to allot \$500 of its student activities fees to the loan fund. The loan is interest-free to the borrower and she may pay it back on her own terms. Since the service is funded as well as dispensed and controlled by students, the university administration is unable to interfere. The service has so far been successful: four loans have already been granted and the student health service reports a slackening off in the number of post-abortion emergencies. A similar practice exists at the UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN where the women's liberation coalition there has set up a loan fund to cover travel expenses and medical costs for abortions. Pregnant women in financial trouble at Smith College may contact the Clergy Consultation Service (CCS) for a specially-arranged reduced fee.

Loan funds for any reason whatsoever are few and far between at Mary Washington College but a semblance of one did exist last year in Westmoreland Hall. The fund was designed to alleviate rampant stealing within the dorm by allowing students to borrow rather than steal money. It was never intended nor suggested as a loan fund for the purposes of abortion. Practically speaking, this would have been impossible anyway: the fund at no time exceeded \$40, and a maximum limit of \$10 was placed on any individual loan.

Although abortion loan services are new and therefore rare, most colleges of MWC's size or larger have their own birth control clinics and/or abortion referral centers located on or near campus. The Women's Aid Society of TOWSON STATE COLLEGE in Baltimore, Md. established birth control services on its campus because it saw and understood the difficulty young women have today in securing accurate information about birth control methods. WILLIAM AND MARY college students may receive information regarding contraceptive methods simply by dialing the telephone number of the Birth Control Information Center. This center was initiated and established by the Environment Committee of the Student Association in conjunction with several members of Women's Equality. VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE provides birth control information, contraceptive devices, and abortion referral services to its students through The Crisis Center's Unplanned Pregnancy Task Force. UCLA has been educating its students on birth control information and treatment, including disposing of pills, since the Family Planning Clinic was established outside of the Student Health Center over three years ago. Between the hours of 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. a Helpline is available to UCLA women seeking abortion information or birth control counseling. STEPHENS COLLEGE in Missouri, YALE UNIVERSITY, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, and WASHINGTON COLLEGE (Maryland) all have either programs, clinics, referral services, or sym-

posiums on the issues of abortion and birth control.

All of these schools thus recognize the need for educating college-age women on the potentialities of sexual activity. They have shown an awareness of the fact that most unwanted pregnancies result from ignorance, misinformation, and a lack of knowledge about the workings of one's own body. Without such concern from the schools, and without their abortion and adoption referral services, the panic of unwanted pregnancy could force a young woman into the highly dangerous ordeal of self-inducing an abortion - a feat often involving such implements as knitting needles, pencils, or coat hangers. If she should turn to an illegal abortionist, the chances of infection, sterility, trauma, and even death are greatly heightened. Finally these schools, by attempting to educate their students, have shown a respect for the students' maturity and a clear and realistic understanding of their social situation.

The name of Mary Washington College is conspicuously absent from the list of schools providing loan funds, birth control information and services, or abortion referral centers. Could MWC be afraid that it will be accused of seducing its young women into sexual promiscuity by providing information on human sexuality and its consequences? Or does it find it difficult to place the stereotyped MWC student into the sordid situation of abortion-seeking? Like the proverbial ostrich, this college has all too often the inclination to stick its head in the sand whenever it feels something would be better off unnoticed.

But MWC is not unique in putting on rose-colored glasses to look at the world around it. Americans have traditionally denied the unpretty, whether it existed or not. Christianity says that the flesh of the human body is holy, yet American Christians go to extravagant means to hide the animal reality of their humanness. We camouflage natural body odors with deodorants and soaps, while perfume, cosmetic, and hair oil companies have become huge commercial enterprises. Real human sexual relationships are taboo subjects in the American societal framework, and instead the national scene is deluged with the play-love stereotypes of blonde Doris Days and suave Rock Hudsons. The reality of abortion is as loathsome a thought to most Americans as the inevitability of age and death. The Doris Day world of MWC expects a college-age woman to be a shiny-eyed homecoming queen or the proud bearer of an honors award, not a pregnant and unmarried woman searching frantically for abortion referral service. In their play-world, it is easy for the administration, the college infirmary, and even the student Senate to simply wipe the ugliness of abortion off their consciousnesses.

Abortion is one of the facts of life of our society. However small the number of MWC women who have had, or who will ever consider the possibility of having an abortion, there should be College-sanctioned counseling, education, and referral services for them. If the College refuses to provide the protection its students need it is guilty of serious neglect. If the College ignores the issue as nonexistent, it is either truly irrelevant or is just looking for an easy way out. And if it has a conscience, forcing one of its students to put her life into the hands of some back-room butcher should weigh heavily upon it.

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in the lives of students, and have in addition, destroyed the privacy and freedom of movement and expression of those students who do not entertain guests of the opposite sex in their dormitory bedrooms, and are detrimental to the maintenance of security in the dormitories of State-supported institutions of higher learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring That the General Assembly hereby advises the presidents and governing boards of all State-supported institutions of higher learning that any policy which permits the visitation of students of the opposite sex in college dormitory bedrooms without proper regulation, control and supervision, and without the prior consent of the

parents of any student under twenty-one years of age, is contrary to the public policy of the Commonwealth, inimical to the standards of morality, public decency and decorum which are indispensable for a stable, well-ordered society; and

Be it further Resolved, That the presidents and governing boards of all State-supported institutions of higher learning be furnished a copy of this resolution, by the Clerk of the Senate, and be asked to review the policies of their respective institutions with regard to these matters and where necessary to develop policies, rules and regulations relating thereto, which will not offend or contravene the public policy and standards of public morality which are reasserted and reaffirmed herein.

SA, Honor nominations tonight, ACL

Student Association will accept nominations from the student body for 17 elective student positions tonight at 6:15 in ACL ballroom. At that time the names of next year's freshman hall presidents and freshman counselors will also be announced.

Open for nominations will be the offices of Honor Council president, SA executive chairman, SA legislative chairman, SA judicial chairman, senator-at-large, academic affairs chairman, national affairs chairman, social affairs chairman, Inter-Club Association president, and Recreation Association president. In addition, nominations for five seats on Campus Review Court (one rising sophomore, two rising juniors, two rising seniors) and two seats on the Board of Publications will be accepted.

Student Association has scheduled three buzz sessions this year because of the unusually large number of offices which will be covered in this election. This Wednesday, March 3, there will be one session at 4 p.m. for candidates for Campus Review Court, and another session at 7 p.m. which will cover the offices of SA executive chairman, legislative chairman, judicial chairman, Honor Council president, ICA president, and RA president. A third buzz session will be held Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m. to handle nominees for academic affairs chairman, social affairs chairman, senator-at-large, and Board of Publications seats.

A preliminary election will be held next Monday, March 8, for any positions for which a large number of people have applied. Candidates will then present their final speeches Tuesday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in Monroe 21.

Final voting will take place Wednesday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in ACL 107. Students must present College I.D.'s at this time in order to vote.



The latest necessity for the modern woman is a working knowledge of self-defense. A non-credit course, taught by Marines and sponsored by RA, will be meeting Wednesday nights at 7:30 in Goolrick auxiliary gymnasium. The students at right are learning how to react when grabbed by the shoulder.



State resolution deplores cohabitation

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and men to "frequently, if not regularly, cohabitate." This laxity led to "promiscuous relationships" and "tragic occurrences in the lives of students" which are "contrary to declared standards of public morality and contravening the public policy of this Commonwealth."

Although the resolution does not list specific rules considered most desirable, it sets up guidelines concerning open visitation in dorms. "Any

policy which permits the visitation of students of the opposite sex in college dormitory bedrooms without proper regulation, control, and supervision, and without the prior consent of the parents of any student under twenty-one years of age, is contrary to the public policy of the Commonwealth, (and) inimical to the standards of morality, public decency, and decorum which are indispensable for a stable, well-ordered society."



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